



Legislative Services Office

Idaho State Legislature

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Senate and House, Statewide Elected Officials, Interested Citizens and Interest Groups

FROM: Kristin Ford, Division Manager, Research and Legislation

SUBJECT: Proposed Constitutional Amendment – your suggestions regarding arguments for and against HJR 4.

HJR 4, which amends Sections 2 and 4 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Idaho, has been adopted by the House and Senate and will appear on the November ballot for approval by the citizens of Idaho.

Idaho Code 67-453 requires the Legislative Council to prepare a "brief statement" setting forth in "simple, understandable language" the meaning and purpose of the proposed amendment, as well as a "concise presentation" of the arguments advanced by the proponents and opponents. Only the brief statement of meaning will appear on the November ballot, while both the brief statement as well as the arguments for and against will be included in the publications that the Secretary of State is required to publish prior to the election. The Legislative Council is required to submit these statements and arguments to the Secretary of State by no later than 120 days prior to the election, which is in July 2020.

On behalf of the Legislative Council, the Legislative Services Office is inviting your suggestions on arguments for or against HJR 4, which will submit the following questions to voters on the November ballot.

The questions to be submitted to the electors of the State of Idaho at the next general election shall be as follows:

"Shall Section 2, Article III, of the Constitution of the State of Idaho be amended to require that the Senate shall consist of thirty-five members; and shall Section 4, Article III, of the Constitution of the State of Idaho, be amended to require that the Legislature shall be apportioned to thirty-five legislative districts?"

By law, if any of these suggestions are utilized by the Legislative Council, no recognition can be given to the persons or groups that submitted the argument. Please send your suggestions via e-mail to Elizabeth Bowen (ebowen@lso.idaho.gov) no later than April 21, 2020.

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